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Genoua, March 11. *N. S.*

THE *French* have lately landed on this Coaſt, at a Place called *Alaſſio*, 2 or 3000 Recruits, which are marched towards *Milan*, but are in ſo weak and ſickly a Condition, that it is believed many of them will die by the way.

Rome, March 17. Cardinal *Janſſen* had Audience the laſt week of the Pope, and recommended to him the reinforcing of the Gariſon of *Avignon*; which if he does not do immediately, the *French* King will be obliged to poſt ſome Forces there, leſt the Malecontents of the *Sevennes* ſhould ſurpriſe that Place, which would be of great Advantage to them.

Warſaw, March 17. Five *Swediſh* Regiments are marched to *Brecz*, and it is ſaid that the King of *Sweden* intends to go thither in Perſon with more Forces, having received Intelligence that Prince *Wieſnouiski* with 8000 *Lithuanians*, and General *Wenediger* with 4 *Saxon* Regiments, are advancing that way from *Groano*. There is ſtill a *Sweaiſh* Gariſon in *Lublin*, who exact great Contributions from that City. It is ſaid the King of *Poland* intends to call together a General Diet, and at the ſame time to ſummon the Nobility to mount on Horſeback for his Defence, and that of their Country. There are Advices, That the Parties of the *Muſcovite* Forces have committed great Diſorders towards *Narva* and *Dorpt*.

Marienbourg, March 22. The Son of the late Crown General *Jabionowsky* has managed a Confederacy of 7 Palatinates in *Ruſſia*, who have entred into new Engagements for the Defence of the King of *Poland*, and are ready to mount on Horſeback for that purpoſe, declaring, That they will not conſent to any Peace, unleſs the *Swedes* make good the Damages which the Republick of *Poland* has ſuffered by this War. The *Lithuanians* have done the like, in a meeting lately held at *Wilna*; And to deprive the Princes of the Houſe of *Sapieha* of all hopes of being reſtored to their Honours and Dignities, they have declared, That the Places of Great General and Great Treaſurer of that Dutchy, which were enjoyed by two of thoſe Princes, are become vacant, and have given the laſt to *Oginsky*, and the other to Prince *Wieſnowiski*, in whoſe Place they have choſen Monſieur *Pocicy*, who was their Major-General, to be Lieutenant-General of their Forces. In the *Greater Poland*, the Palatinate of *Podlachia* have obliged their Palatine to beg their King's Pardon for ſubmitting to the *Swedes*, and they have ſent Deputies hither to intercede for him. The Major-General of the Forces of the Crown, Monſieur *Potocki*, who was in the *Swediſh* Intereſt, is lately dead, and it is obſervable that the moſt conſiderable Perſons of that Party have died in a ſhort time; ſo that now only the Cardinal Primate and the Princes *Sapieha* are left of that number. The Czar of *Muſcovy* has ſent the *Lithuanians* a Supply of Money, to encourage them to carry on the War.

Copenhagen, March 31. Monſieur *Goes* returned hither the 29th Inſtant from the *Hague*, with the ſame Character which he had before, of Envoy Extraordinary from the States General to this Court, and he is to have Audience of the King in few days. It is reported here, That the *Muſcovites* have taken from the *Swedes* the Town of *Iwanogrod* in *Ingria*; but it wants Confirmation.

Ratisbonne, March 29. On the 24th Inſtant the Elector of *Bavaria* arrived at *Twuauſtauff*, and the ſame day a ſtrong Detachment of his beſt Troops, being the ſame that engaged Count *Schlick*'s Cavalry near *Scharding*, was quartered at *Statamhoff*, and in the other Villages hereabouts. The 26th Monſieur *Zundt*, that Elector's Reſident, acquainted the Diet, That his Maſter not being ſatisfied with what they had done in relation to the Neutrality to be obſerved by this City, deſired a new and poſitive Aſſurance from them, That even before the Emperor's Approbation of their Proceedings in this reſpect was arrived, no Troops whatſoever ſhould be permitted to paſs through this Place, or elſe he muſt provide ſome other way for his own Security; whereupon the Diet reſolv'd to ſollicit the Emperor for a ſpeedy Diſpatch of his Ratification of their laſt Concluſion about this Matter, and in the mean time to order our Magiſtrates to conform themſelves exactly thereto. The ſame day the Elector of *Bavaria* hearing that the Count *de Styrum* had removed his Quarters to *Pelling*, near *Newmark*, went to *Regenſtauff*, in order to proceed to his Army. On the 27th the Elector, with a large Detachment of his beſt Troops from the *Inn*, joined his main Army at *Burcklengfeld* in the *Upper Palatinate*; upon Notice whereof the Count *de Styrum* alſo removed from *Newmark*, and took his head Quarters at *Velbourg*: The ſame evening the advanced Parties of both Armies had a ſharp Rencounter near *Schmidmill*, where the River *Fils* joins the *Nab*, wherein the *Bavarians* are ſaid to have loſt about 400 Men: Upon which the Elector broke up with his Army from *Burcklengfeld* yeſterday, at 4 in the morning, and about 7 a great Firing was heard, which continued ſome hours. The ſame has been alſo heard this morning; tho' by the freſheſt Accounts it was not yet come to a general Battel, the Conſequences whereof may be ſuch, that it is believed neither ſide is willing to run ſo great a Hazard. Yeſterday was ſpent in Skirmiſhes, whereof we have yet no Particulars; However there is reaſon to hope they have been generally to the Advantage of the Imperialiſts; ſince if it had been otherwiſe, the *Bavarians*, who have perfectly learnt of the *French* to magnifie every little Victory they get, would not have failed to let us know it; but they are very ſilent, and the Paſſages being ſtopt, we can have no News directly from the Imperial Army. Several Wagons of wounded *Bavarian* Soldiers were brought yeſterday morning to *Burcklengfeld*, and two more are come to *Statamhoff*. Yeſterday a Party of Huſſars, having paſſed the *Fils*, made an Excurſion towards *Burcklengfeld*, and carried away the Elector's Coach and Horſes from the very Gates of that Place.

Francfort, April 1. The Detachment of the Marſhal de *Villars*'s Forces, which marched lately into the *Briſgau*, is gone into Quarters of Refreſhment. It is ſaid, the Imperial and Dutch Troops, which are at preſent poſted about *Croonweiſſenbourg*, will ſhortly march towards *Haguenau*, in order to make a Diverſion of the Enemy's Forces. Prince *Lewis* is now at *Raſtat*; part of his Army continues in the Camp at *Stolhoffen* under the Command of the Prince of *Durlach*, and the reſt are gone into Quarters of Refreſhment.

Hamburgh, April 3. The Officers in the Duke of *Holſtin*'s Service are providing the Troops under their Command with Clothes, and with Tents and other Neceſſaries for a March, which they are ordered to have in a readineſs by the end of this Month, being to enter into the Service of the States General. They write from *Copenhagen*, That Orders are ſent from thence for the March of Recruits for the *Daniſh* Forces in the Emperor's Service in *Italy*, which lie ready in the County of *Oldenbourg*, whither it is ſaid two or three Regiments will be tranſported from *Norway*. The Dict of the Circle of the *Lower Saxony*, which met at *Lunenburgh*, is ſeparated, without coming to any Reſolution, by reaſon that ſome of the Princes and States of that Circle had not ſent their Deputies thither; But it is ſaid another will ſhortly be ſummoned, to conſider of raiſing their Quota of the 120000 Men to be kept on foot by the Empire for carrying on the War. Letters from *Mariembourg* ſay, the Aſſembly of the Senators and Nobility met in that City, and having ſpent ſeveral days in debating how this Aſſembly was to be called, and other Preliminaries, agreed that it ſhould be ſtiled, A General Great Council; and the King promiſing to obſerve the Reſolutions which were taken at the late Meeting at *Sendomir*, for the Preſervation of their Liberty, the Senators renewed their Oath of Allegiance to him; After which they reſolved, That in caſe an Honourable Peace with *Sweden* cannot be obtained, the *Poſtpolite Ruzzenie*, a ſort of Militia, conſiſting of the Nobility, ſhall be raiſed, and Care ſhall be taken to ſet forth in the Summons to be iſſued for that purpoſe, what Endea-